

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

#### Information

Description: **AG-FFRT-S-15-0038**  
Bid invitation number: **2000003111**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 01/06/2015 15:55:00  
Offer Due Date : 01/16/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 01/16/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003111

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Fresh Fruit pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, January 30, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between February 25, 2015 and April 29, 2015.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations, review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB (100280) are 100% set-aside and 10% SDVOSB Small Business Set-Aside. See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

NAICS Code 311421 with a business size of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2014; the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated August 2014; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX:

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2014
- 2 . SPECIFICATION FOR FRESH FRUIT AUGUST 2014

**Attributes :**

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13). MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the

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bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>	<b>FRUIT, FRESH</b>					
<b>20</b>	<b>PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB</b>					
<b>30</b>	<b>BRENTWOOD NY</b>					
40	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	02/23/2015-02/25/2015	11717	900	CS
50	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	04/27/2015-04/29/2015	11717	900	CS
<b>60</b>	<b>LOT: 164643945 BUFFALO NY / HOLLEY NY...</b>					
	<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 164643945 BUFFALO NY / HOLLEY NY / NEWARK NY /</b>					
70	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	04/27/2015-04/29/2015	14214	225	CS
80	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	04/27/2015-04/29/2015	14470	225	CS
90	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	04/27/2015-04/29/2015	14513	450	CS
<b>100</b>	<b>LOT: 213887060 AUBURNDALE FL / DOUGLA...</b>					
	<b>Tendering text - Item : LOT: 213887060 AUBURNDALE FL / DOUGLAS GA / TIFTON GA /</b>					
110	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	03/02/2015-03/04/2015	33823	450	CS
120	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	03/02/2015-03/04/2015	31533	225	CS
130	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	03/02/2015-03/04/2015	31794	225	CS
<b>140</b>	<b>LOT: 785487103 BINGHAMTON NY / HOLLEY...</b>					

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
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150	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	02/23/2015-02/25/2015	13904	225	CS
160	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	02/23/2015-02/25/2015	14470	450	CS
170	100280	PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB	02/23/2015-02/25/2015	14513	225	CS
Total Quantity for PEARS BOSC FRESH CTN-45 LB					4,500	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					4,500	CS



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